



Amendments to the Claims

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently Amended) ~~An apparatus dryer latch~~ for opening/  
closing a door of a dryer, comprising:

a hook ~~adapted to be~~ provided at one side of the door of the dryer wherein  
a hanging portion is formed at both sides of one end of the hook;

a latch body adapted to be provided to one side of a front panel having the  
door installed thereon wherein the hanging portion is inserted in an insertion  
hole formed in the latch body;

a pair of holders ~~linearly slidable in the latch body~~ provided to confront  
each other in the latch body to ~~directly~~ hold the hanging portion; and

a pair of springs provided in the rear of the holders, respectively, wherein  
the latch body comprises:

a first reception part ~~having side wall portions and~~ receiving the  
hanging portion; and

a pair of second reception parts provided adjacent to ~~both opposing~~  
~~sides~~ ~~side walls~~ of the first reception part to hold and guide the holders,  
respectively, and

wherein a protrusion is formed on one side of each of the holders to be held ~~against sliding in the latch body by an upper end one of the side wall portions~~ of the first reception part.

3. (Currently Amended) The apparatus ~~dryer latch~~ as claimed in claim 2, wherein a pair of passing holes communicating with the second reception parts are formed at both of the sides ~~side wall portions~~ of the first reception part to let the holders pass through, respectively.

4. (Currently Amended) The apparatus ~~dryer latch~~ as claimed in claim 2, wherein a recess is formed at one end of each of the second reception parts to support the corresponding spring.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) The apparatus ~~dryer latch~~ as claimed in claim 2, wherein the hanging portion ~~formed at both sides of one end of the hook~~ has a triangular cross-section.

7. (Currently Amended) The ~~apparatus dryer latch~~ as claimed in claim 6, wherein confronting planes of the holders are inclined to correspond to the triangular cross-section of the hanging portion.

8. (Currently Amended) The ~~apparatus dryer latch~~ as claimed in claim 2, wherein a surface of the hanging portion to be brought in contact with the holders is rounded.

9. (Currently Amended) The ~~apparatus dryer latch~~ as claimed in claim 8, wherein two confronting ends of the holders are rounded.

10. (Currently Amended) The ~~apparatus dryer latch~~ as claimed in claim 2 ~~†~~, wherein a hollow portion is provided at a rear side of each of the holders to have one end of the corresponding spring inserted therein.

11. (Currently Amended) An ~~apparatus~~ door ~~latch~~ for opening/closing a door of a dryer, comprising:

a hook adapted to be provided at one side of the door of the dryer wherein a hanging portion is formed extending from both sides of one end of the hook;

a latch body ~~adapted to be~~ provided to one side of a front panel having the door installed thereon wherein the hanging portion is inserted in an insertion hole formed in the latch body;

a pair of holders ~~adapted to be~~ provided to confront each other in the latch body to hold the hanging portion;

a pair of springs provided in the rear of the holders, respectively; and

a latch cap ~~attachable to the latch body to~~ covering first and second reception parts ~~of the latch body~~ to prevent separation of the holders and the springs ~~from the latch body~~.

12. (Currently Amended) The apparatus ~~dryer latch~~ as claimed in claim 11, wherein fixing protrusions protrude from a bottom of the latch cap to hold one ends of the springs, respectively.

13. (Currently Amended) The apparatus ~~dryer latch~~ as claimed in claim 11, wherein guide protrusions protrude from a bottom of the latch cap to guide ~~to move~~ ~~movement of~~ the holders, respectively.

14. (Currently Amended) ~~The apparatus as claimed in claim 11;~~  
A dryer door latch for opening/closing a door of a dryer, comprising:  
a hook provided at one side of the door of the dryer wherein a portion is  
formed both sides of one end of the hook;  
a latch body provided to one side of a front panel having the door installed  
thereon wherein the portion is inserted in an insertion hole formed in the latch  
body;  
a pair of holders provided to confront each other in the latch body to hold  
the hanging portion;  
a pair of springs provided in the rear of the holders, respectively;  
a latch cap covering first and second reception parts to prevent  
separation of the holders and the springs; and  
wherein coupling holes are formed at corners of the latch cap and  
wherein bolts are in the coupling holes, respectively, to fix the latch cap to the  
latch body.

15. (Currently Amended) ~~The apparatus~~ dryer latch as claimed in  
claim 2, wherein the hook is built in one body of a fixing plate screw-coupled to  
one side of the door.

16. (Currently Amended) The ~~apparatus~~ dryer latch as claimed in claim 2 ~~†~~, wherein coupling holes are formed at both sides of the latch body and wherein bolts are in the coupling holes, respectively, to fix the latch body to the front panel.

17. (New) The combination of a laundry dryer and the dryer latch of claim 2.

18. (New) The combination of a laundry dryer and the dryer latch of claim 12.

19. (New) The combination of a laundry dryer and the dryer latch of claim 14.